

Thursday, Nov. 29, 1906



The Next President of the United States

FOUND ONE HONEST VOTER

Most People Would Call Him a Fool.

A few county Officials were in the Clerk of the Court's office this morning and incidents of campaigns were introduced and each gave some unusual experience they had in their canvas for votes.

"I found at least one honest man in my campaign," said an ex-official. There may have been many, but I know this man was honest. He was a tenant on a farm and I found him in the cow stable. I asked him to vote for me and he said, after some consideration: "Well, I am a poor man and would just as soon vote for you as anyone, but you will have to pay me for going to the polls." "All right," said the candidate. "What is it worth?" "One dollar," replied the tenant. The deal was consummated.

A week or so afterward the tenant met the candidate and said: "I didn't know when you were at my house that Bill was a candidate against you. I have known him since boyhood and I've decided to vote for him and I don't get any money for it either; so here's your dollar." The candidate insisted on his keeping the money as he seemed to be poor, but the tenant wouldn't have it that way and insisted on returning the money which was accepted. "I've always felt," said the ex-official, "that if I could ever do that fellow a favor I would be glad to do so, even if he didn't vote for me for he proved himself an honest and conscientious man." —Athens Messenger.

Official Majority for Mr. Douglas.

(Chillicothe Gazette.)

The official count for congressman in the recent election has been received and is as follows:

	D.	W.
Douglas, Wright, Maj.	373	4049
Ross	120	1407
Vinton	1351	2770
Meigs	1331	4120
Athens	480	3458
Perry	798	1909
Hocking	1524	8161
Fairfield		4685

Totals 21247 19914 3655 2322

Majority 1333

This makes as the official majority 1333 for Mr. Douglas.

No Discrimination.

People are saying, if the law prohibiting the sale of liquor on Sunday is enforced against the saloons, it should be against all places where liquor is sold, including clubs and hotel bars. The people are right. There should be no discrimination. The great con-

dict of the day is on this line—no discrimination between the rich and the poor, the powerful and the weak, the learned and the ignorant, but all shall stand on the broad plain of equal rights, equal duties, equal privileges. There should not be one law for the lucky man and another law for the unlucky man.

This being so, no man of true impulse, or with right ideals of American citizenship, would ask anything else but the square deal. He would help the right along by saying, if my neighbor is denied a privilege, I shall refuse it also. But if such high altitudes may not be reached, it should be considered that circumventing the law is poor business, to say the least, for high-minded people to engage in.

But outside these considerations there is still a further duty and that is the enforcement of the law, which duty should apply to every place where liquor is sold on Sunday—to club, hotel bar, ladies' parlor or the saloon. Let us have a Sunday with no whisky selling anywhere, where each man is no example to the other in sobriety and obedience to the law. We could do our city no greater honor than this.—Columbus Journal.

Shortsightedness in the Hocking Valley.

Some of the "independent operators" are being severely censured by the Chicago trade for the arbitrary way in which they are handling orders at the present time. According to their latest ruling they will accept orders and fill them "subject to the price at the time of shipment." The jobber trying to do business on this elastic basis will have a lovely time trying to secure orders when he can not tell a dealer how much coal will cost him. Several of the operators have advanced prices without withdrawing previous quotations. One Chicago jobber sent in an order early last month for ten cars of Hocking and this order was accepted by the operator without any restrictions. The coal was to be shipped as soon as the car supply would permit. The operator informed the jobber this week that he would be able to fill the order, but as prices had advanced he would be compelled to tack on thirty-five cents per ton more than the original price.

Another jobber received a quotation, immediately got busy with a dealer who was in the market for five cars, and sent in the order by return mail. In the meantime a "gentleman's agreement" must have been put in working order, as the operator replied "the business could be accepted only at the price now in effect, which is fifteen cents higher than our last quotation." This sort of business is doing a permanent injury to Hocking Valley coal in the Chicago market, and the sooner our "independent" friends realize it the better it will be for all concerned. Substitution is never justifiable, but a jobber can hardly be blamed for shipping something "just as good" when the operators lay down on him like they have been doing recently.

It is no exaggeration to say that there are at least a score of Chicago jobbers working tooth and nail with their trade trying to get them to use Illinois and Indiana coal in place of Hocking, and in a great number of instances they are succeeding. Some of the operators disdainfully remark that "We don't need Chicago, we have all the business up the lakes that we need." That is very true just at present, but they seem to forget that the lakes do not do business all the year round. Hocking coal does need the Chicago market just as much if not more than the Chicago market needs Hocking coal. Most of the operators are trying to do the fair thing, but a great many are not. The bad feature is when the day of reckoning comes the innocent will suffer with the guilty.

"The day of reckoning" can be looked for shortly after the close of navigation. Unless conditions change rapidly the Hocking Valley operator who shows up in Chicago every December will not be welcomed with open arms this year. He may have considerable difficulty in finding a market for his product, and if he does, two dollar coal will be a dream of the past.—Black Diamond.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shotwell Celebrate Their Fiftieth Anniversary.

The Shotwell home, at the junction of Main Street and Gallagher Avenue, was a scene of animation and gaiety Monday, when Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shotwell received, in celebration of their Golden wedding. From one till ten o'clock P. M. the tide of visitors flowed, each with a word of sincere congratulation to the aged but happy pair. A round half-century before this day these two entered together the holy band of wedlock, on the old home farm where the wife was born and reared, in Athens County. The little home was decked in its gayest on this occasion. Yellow chrysanthemums blazed in every corner, and the other simple decorations were in keeping with the spirit of the day. The callers were served with the daintiest of light refreshments, in the dining room where a bevy of



young girls were the servers. In the east corner room sat "Uncle" Tom and his venerable wife—he hale and hearty as a sturdy old oak, and she patiently occupying her invalid's chair—sweethearts still, after the lapse of five decades.

Mr. Shotwell was born in the little village of Summerton, Belmont County, Ohio, March 9, 1836. He came of a real old Quaker stock. When a boy he moved to Little Hocking. His companions birthplace was on a farm in Athens County, where she first saw the light July 27, 1833, and here she lived until her marriage, November 26, 1856. They moved to Logan on the 2 of April, 1873, and have since resided here.

The following named children and grand-children were present Monday: Ida Mathias and children, Dwight, Clarence, Arlington, Margaret, and Frances, of Logan; Hope F. Myers and children, Ward and Eugene, of Perry, Iowa; Hattie M. Walburn, husband T. K. Walburn, and children, Ralph, Dorothy, and Joe, of Ironton, Ohio; W. E. Shotwell and wife, of Des Moines, Iowa; H. S. Shotwell and wife, and children, Marie and Ray, of Columbus. Also the following brothers and sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Shotwell: Susan J. Plumly, of Little Hocking, sister to Mr. Shotwell; Ezra M. Shotwell (brother) and wife, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; J. S. Wickham and Theodora Ogg, both of Broadwell, Ohio, brother and sister to Mrs. Shotwell. It is worthy of note that Mrs. Ogg celebrated her own golden wedding five years ago. Two sisters and a brother of Mr. Shotwell, and one sister and one brother of Mrs. Shotwell were unable to attend.

Nieces and nephews present were: Clarkson Plumly and wife, and Guy Plumly and wife, of Little Hocking; Hope Walden and husband, of Coalville, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Harris, Henry Holderoff, H. H. Wickham, and Mrs. Virginia Crippens all of Athens, Ohio; Mr. Lucy Totman and husband, of Sharpsburg, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Lanley Ogg and two children, of Chillicothe; and Mrs. Mary Wickham, of Wheeling West Virginia.

Other relatives and friends who attended were: Mr. George Plumly, of Chillicothe; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davis, of Chicago; Mrs. Sarah Harvey and Mr. James Harvey, of Athens; Mrs. Lizzie Monahan, of Coalville; and Rev. Rexford, of Columbus.

Of all the above list, only Susan Plumly, J. R. Wickham, and H. H. Wickham were guests at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Shotwell, fifty years ago. J. R. Wickham now lives at the old homestead where the marriage occurred.

Tried in Old Country.

New Lexington, O., Nov. 28.—For a murder committed in this county, Joe Malnair, a Hungarian, is being tried in his native land. A cablegram has been received from the Hungarian authorities requesting that an autopsy be held over the remains of John Veg, the murdered man, who was buried at Shawnee over three months ago. Dr. J. I. Davis, of Shawnee, conducted the autopsy today.

Last summer Joe Malnair came to America, it is said, seeking the blood of Veg, who, he claimed, alienated his wife's affections and further persuaded her to leave him. It was in August that the two men met at Job's mine, and after a few words in the native tongue, Malnair drew a revolver and shot Veg through the heart, killing him instantly.

Malnair immediately disappeared, but it has been the opinion ever since that he was placed in hiding by some foreigners and furnished means to leave the country. The authorities scoured the hills in search of him for several days, but no traces could be found. The case was taken up by the recent grand jury and an indictment of manslaughter was found against him.

It has just been learned that Malnair went direct to New York and immediately sailed for Hungary. As soon as he reached his native soil he was placed under arrest and it is supposed that his case has been reported to the authorities there by some Hungarian representative in this country.

Cured of Bright's Disease

Mr. Robert O. Burke, Elmore N. Y., writes: "Before I started to use Foley's Kidney Cure I had to get up from twelve or twenty times a night and I was all bloated up with dropsy and my eyesight was so impaired I could scarcely see one of my family across the room. I had given up hope of living, when a friend recommended Foley's Kidney Cure. One 50 cent bottle worked wonders and before I had taken the third bottle the dropsy had gone, as well as all other symptoms of Bright's disease." Bort & Co.



The Test of True Religion

By Sir CONAN DOYLE, Novelist

THERE is an aggressive form of religion calling itself the Dogmatic Faith which has done far more harm to the human race than PESTILENCE OR FAMINE. Directly to its door must be laid not only all the bloodstained history of Mohammedanism, but all the murderous doings which have in turn disgraced every sect of Christianity.

In the name of Christ, the Apostle of Peace, this dreadful school of thought within a few centuries of his death brought about such quarrels and such murders as had never been heard of IN PAGAN DAYS.

Over the Homoeousian question, a theological point depending upon a diphthong, it has been reckoned that a hundred thousand people lost their lives, champions and victims of faith.

The crusades, the murders of the Albigenses and of the Cevennes, the Thirty Years' war, the inquisition, the outrages of Catholics on Protestants, the no less detestable outrages of Protestants on Catholics, the persecutions of nonconformists by the church, the persecutions of Quakers by the nonconformists, the manifold domestic tragedies and tyrannies, embittering the lives of countless numbers—surely, when all these are considered, the reader must admit that faith in the positive, aggressive sense HAS BROUGHT MORE MISCHIEF THAN FAMINE OR PESTILENCE.

ALL SECTS HAVE BEEN MISLED BY MEN OF THE SAME ACRID FRAME OF MIND AND HAVE INCURRED THE SAME GUILTYNESS.

I only know four cults—the original Buddhists, the Quakers, the Unitarians and the agnostics—who can, I think, say that they have no blood upon their hands. Certainly the atheists cannot, for their excesses in France—in the revolution and also in 1870—have been as bad as those of the churches.

And what has been the root of it all? Saying you believe what your mind cannot grasp and what your free reason would frequently reject. A makes his proofless assertion and calls it his faith; B has the right to do the same. Then A and B hate each other with a holy hatred, and there is the epitome of the blackest chapter of the history of the world. We who are like shipwrecked mariners upon this little raft of a world, moving upon the face of the infinite ocean, have enough to do to live kindly among ourselves, without quarreling bitterly about that which is beyond the horizon.

Perhaps you say that even in these very words I myself show want of religious charity. But surely it is not so. If the Catholic finds the pope or the Anglican the bishop or the nonconformist the minister a help upon his path, then in every case it is a good thing—IF IT CAUSES THAT MAN TO BE A BETTER, MORE NOBLE HUMAN CREATURE. Every form of belief is admirable that does that. But when it turns to want of charity and the reviling of those who have other methods, then it is a petty twentieth century exhibition of that which ranks in history among the gravest and most blood-thirsty crimes.

NEW SYSTEM OF BOOKKEEPING

Notices has been mailed from Columbus by the bureau of inspection and supervision of public offices to all the county auditor, probate judges, clerk of courts and sheriffs in the state describing the new system of bookkeeping they will have to install when the salary law supercedes the fee system, Jan. 1.

County Auditors will have the most work in preparing for the new system. They will have to open ledgers to keep account of what will be the new auditor's fees fund, treasurer's fees fund, recorder's fees fund, probate judge's fees fund, clerk's fees fund and sheriff's fees fund.

On the first Monday of January, April, July and October, when necessary, during 1907, the county commissioners shall transfer from any fund or funds of the county, to any of the county officers' fee funds, such sums as may be necessary to make good any deficiency likely to arise from the payment of the officers and their employees during the ensuing quarter.

At the end of each quarter, likewise the bureau rules, the commissioners shall transfer from the fee funds any balances that may remain after the payment to officers and their employees first to any funds from which transfers have been made, until these are fully reimbursed. When these other funds have been paid back, the transfers from the fee fund shall be made to the general fund.

The bureau has prepared forms of the various books it will be necessary to keep in the various offices under the salary law, and every stationary firm whose address the bureau had, has been furnished with the forms. The size of the books will vary with the size of the counties and the volume of business they transact.

Mrs. Louisa Hartmann visited her son Carl, in Columbus, Saturday and Sunday.

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